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**TO: ALL HORSEMEN AND RACETRACK PRACTITIONERS**

**FROM: Jim Gallagher, Executive Director**

**DATE: February 23, 2006**

**SUBJECT: CORNELL COLLAR – AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT FOR  
DORSAL DISPLACEMENT OF THE SOFT PALATE**

Effective immediately, the Cornell Collar has been approved for use in thoroughbred racing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In consultation with the Stewards, state veterinarians and private equine practitioners, the KHRA has approved the use of the Vet-Aired Cornell Collar™ in pari-mutuel races for horses with this condition. The Cornell collar is a throat support device which research indicates can assist those horses known to suffer displacement of the soft palate during running.

The use of the Cornell Collar in races shall be subject to the following conditions:

- The trainer must submit to the Stewards a letter from a licensed veterinarian stating that the use of the Cornell Collar is justified and appropriate for use on the given horse.
- The trainer, in consultation with that licensed veterinarian, will be responsible *for the proper placement of the Cornell Collar*
- An equipment change must be lodged at the time of entry for the horse to race with the Cornell Collar.
- Once a horse races with the Cornell Collar it must continue to race with it unless the attending veterinarian submits a letter to the Stewards stating that the use of the Cornell Collar is no longer appropriate for that horse.
- Only the original Vet-Aired Cornell Collar™ is approved for such use.

Figure 1: The Cornell collar (approved TSDII model) correctly fitted under the bridle



▲Lifting mechanism fitting up behind the basihyoid bone

Figure 2: The Cornell collar (without bridle) demonstrating the lifting mechanism sitting correctly behind the basihyoid (A) bone between the jaws.

